

REMARKS:

The pending claims are claims 45-63. The independent claims are 45 and 55. Claim 64 has been cancelled.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 45-63 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections.

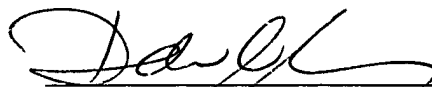
The Applicant amended independent claims 45 and 55 in compliance with the Examiner's request.

In view of the above, the Examiner's 112 rejections have been overcome and should be removed.

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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